

Town of Riverdale Park
Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020
7:00 p.m.

In Attendance

John Wells
Corey Beauford
Andrea Huberty

Frederick Sussman, Town Attorney
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mr. Wells. Mr. Wells conducted a roll call.

Agenda Approval

Ms. Huberty made a motion to approve the May 13, 2020, Ethics Commission meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beauford. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Huberty made a motion to approve the January 15, 2020, Ethics Commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beauford. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Unfinished Business

1. Status of CY 2018 Financial Disclosure Statements

Town Attorney Fred Sussman reported that CM Aaron Faulx submitted his CY2018 Financial Disclosure Statement in February and it was sufficient.

New Business

1. Review status of CY 2019 Financial Disclosure Statements

Town Attorney Fred Sussman provided an overview of the CY2019 Financial Disclosure Statements submitted.

CM Marsha Dixon's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Keith Robinson's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Jessica Barnes's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Denisa Caballero's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Town Attorney Sussman reported that Items 5, 8, 9, and 10 in Schedule A were missing from Ryan Chelton's Financial Disclosure Statement. Ms. Huberty stated that Items 8, 9, and 10, were sufficient as Mr. Chelton was a tenant and not an owner. Mr. Wells agreed with Ms. Huberty. There was unanimous consent that Items 8, 9, and 10 were sufficient but Item 5 needed to be completed.

CM David Lingua's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

David Morris's Financial Disclosure Statement had been revised and was sufficient.

Robert Turner's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Rosa Guixens's Financial Disclosure Statement had been revised and was sufficient.

CM Hala Mayer's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Anna Wendland's Financial Disclosure Statement was sufficient.

Paul Smith's Financial Disclosure Statement had been revised and was sufficient.

Town Attorney Fred Sussman provided an overview of revisions needed to Ivy Lewis's Financial Disclosure Statement. Ms. Huberty requested clarity regarding the type of information that should be included in Schedule B Item 5 and Town Attorney Fred Sussman provided examples. Ms. Huberty stated that Ms. Lewis had attempted to answer the questions but likely needed assistance in understanding what information was being requested. Mr. Wells stated that he felt that Ms. Lewis had completed the form sufficiently and stated that clarity was needed on Schedule B Items 5 and 6 for the CY2020 Financial Disclosure Statements. Mr. Beauford agreed and stated that he felt that Ms. Lewis had made a good faith effort towards transparency and clarity was needed for next year's forms.

Town Attorney Fred Sussman reported that Schedule A, Item 11 needed to be completed on John Lestitian's Financial Disclosure Statement. There was unanimous consent to approve Mr. Lestitian's form provisionally.

Gentry Jones's Financial Disclosure Statement had been revised and was sufficient.

Town Attorney Fred Sussman reported that Schedule A, Item 9 needed to be completed on Mayor Thompson's Financial Disclosure Statement. Town Clerk Barnes reported that Mayor Thompson had revised his Financial Disclosure Statement and included the information that was missing. Town Attorney Fred Sussman stated that he had not had the opportunity to review Mayor Thompson's revised statement yet.

Mr. Beauford made a motion to authorize Town Clerk Barnes to mail Financial Disclosure Statements and a reminder to CMs Faulx, Henry, and Richardson and request that they submit their Statements in two (2) weeks. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huberty. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

2. Town Clerk Barnes stated that the terms of the Commission members were coming to an end and asked if the members were interested in serving again. Mr. Wells, Ms. Huberty, and Mr. Beauford confirmed that they would like to serve another term on the Ethics Commission. Town Clerk Barnes stated that she would report that information to Mayor Thompson.
3. Mr. Beauford asked for an update on the request to have a member of the Police Department complete a Financial Disclosure Statement (long form). Town Attorney Fred Sussman provided an update. Mr. Wells stated that he had sent an e-mail to the Town Manager requesting information regarding the Police Department's procurement process. Town Clerk Barnes stated that she would follow up with the Town Manager.

Hearings

No hearings were scheduled for the May 13, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting

The next Ethics Commission meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Huberty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beauford. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)